"VAMPIRES ARE BETTER THAN HUMANS..."

"OVERCOMING RUIN WITH THEIR INFINITE WISDOM AND

STRENGTH, VAMPIRES EVOLVED AND DOMINATE THE WEAK HUMANS."

...IS THAT WHY HUMANS ARE RULED OVER?

IS IT ONLY EVOLUTION...

WHEN YOU BECOME STRONGER?

AREN'T WE...

...JUST DIFFERENT?

BLOOD BANK

Third chapter
Carnival

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...DID YOU SEE?

YOU MEAN "ELLIE," RIGHT? THE ART THAT PAIN OVERLORD RECENTLY BOUGHT?

AFTER ALL THIS TIME BEING UNINTERESTED IN ARTS...WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?

WELL, I GUESS IT DOESN'T LOOK TOO BAD...

BUT IT'S TOO OLD TO BE A NEW ART. 18? ISN'T THAT WHEN MOST OF US JUST SUCK WHAT BLOOD REMAINS AND THROW IT AWAY?

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THAT ART...

APPARENTLY IT BELONGED TO SOMEONE ELSE...

HAVE YOU GONE MAD, PAIN?

...SO THE RUMORS HAVE ALREADY SPREAD.

OF COURSE.

THE GREAT OVERLORD PICKING UP SOMETHING SOMEONE ELSE THREW ASIDE...

EVEN I'VE LOST FACE AS A FELLOW BLOOD LORD.

... ...

YOU'VE ONLY JUST INHERITED THE TITLE OF BLOOD LORD RECENTLY...

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT KIND OF SLANDER IS GOING TO GIVE YOU THE UPPER HAND?

STEP

...!

I THOUGHT YOU INTENDED TO PUSH FOR A MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MIDLANDS, UNLIKE YOUR FATHER...

I GUESS I WAS WRONG.

UGH...

MM...

CRUNCH...

ACK...!

AH...

MM...

CREAK

CREAK...

MMF...

DAMMIT...

JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN WITH STRONG PHEROMONES AND YOU'VE TAKEN OVER THE MIDLANDS...

JUST WAIT, ONCE YOU'RE OLDER, YOU'LL BE JUST LIKE THE REST OF THEM.

AND THEN I'LL...

YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE CONCENTRATING.

THRUST

UGH...!

JUDGING BY THE WAY YOU KEEP COMPLAINING, I GUESS THAT ART ISN'T VERY ENTERTAINING...

SO THE RUMORS ABOUT IT BEING USELESS WERE TRUE?

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IT'S DEFINITELY A STRANGE HUMAN...

THIS...

IS A ROSE! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE SUCH A RARE-
I BROUGHT IT BACK WITH ME AFTER I WENT TO THE SOUTH ON MY WIFE'S BUSINESS.

...HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS A ROSE, ANYWAY? YOU CAN'T HAVE SEEN ONE BEFORE.
I READ ABOUT THEM IN A BOOK. IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING ONE IN REAL LIFE.

...DO YOU LIKE BOOKS?

YES! I BECAME AN ART TO READ BOOKS!

...HUH?

..... .

...FOLLOW ME.

CLICK

CREAK...

AH...!

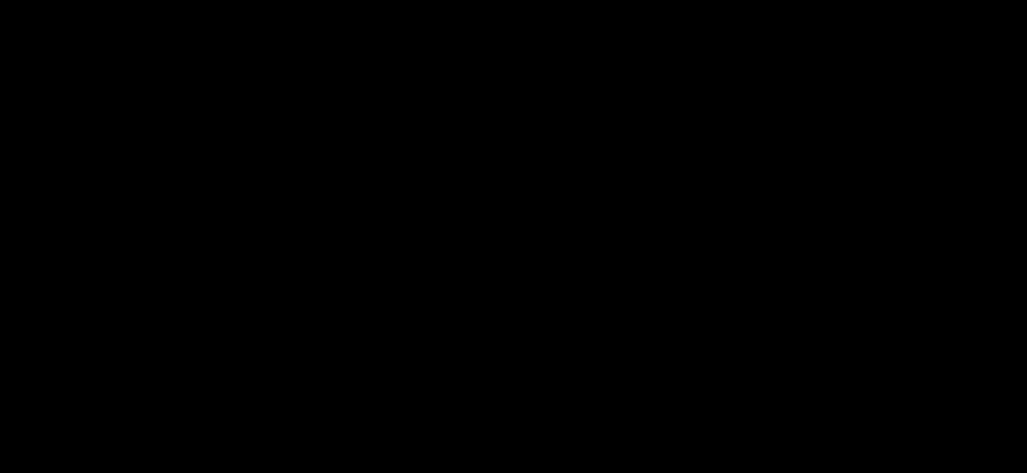
THIS IS MY STUDY.

IT HAS EVERYTHING FROM GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TO THE SCIENCES, AND EVEN ANCIENT TEXTS, SO READ WHATEVER YOU WANT.

R-REALLY?!

AHH!! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING TO READ ALL OF THESE...!

IS THAT WHY HE WAS THROWN AWAY...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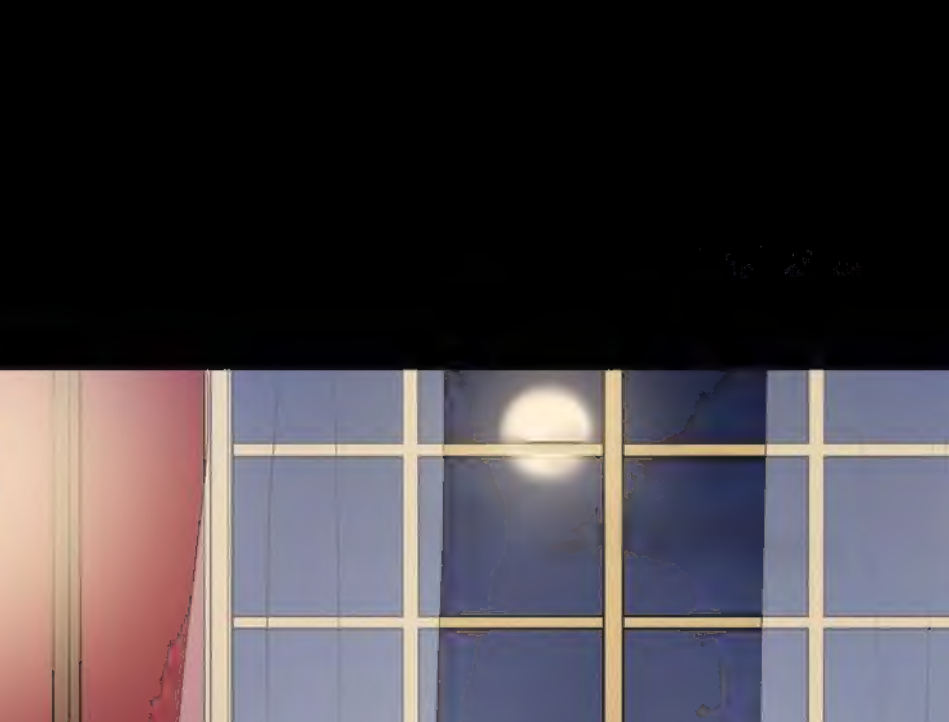

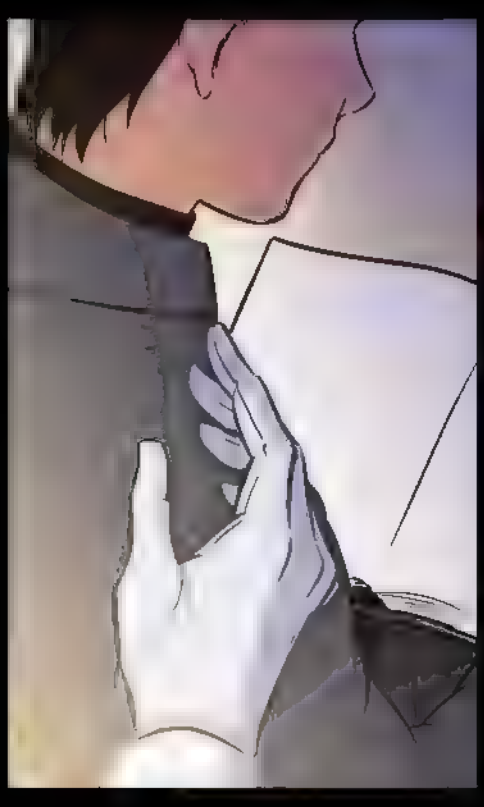

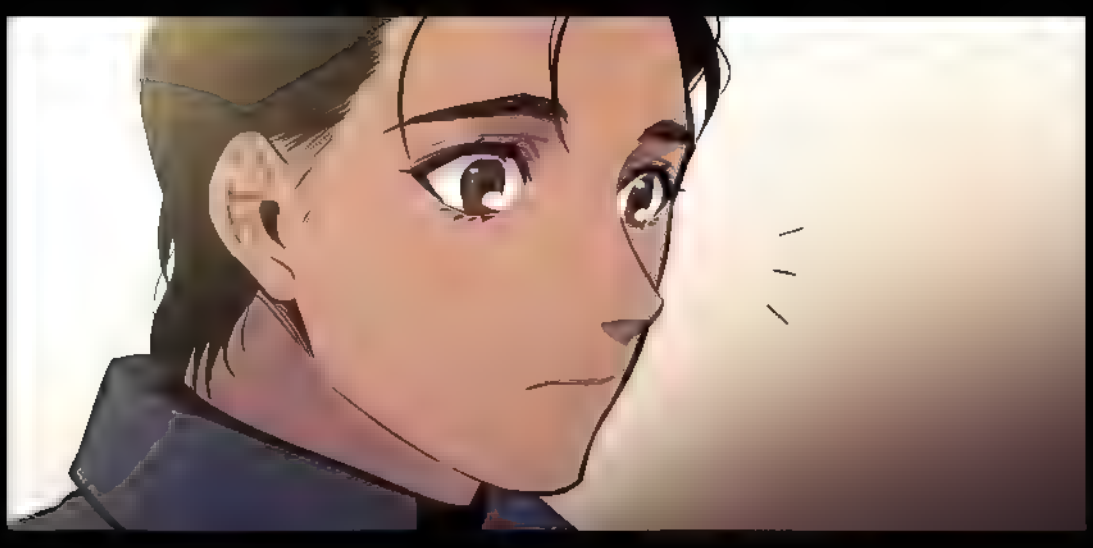

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AH...!

I-I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE...

AND THIS IS...?

MY HEIR, SHELL.

HE'S 5 YEARS OLD NOW.

SINCE HE CAN'T USE PHEROMONES, YET, WHEN I'M NOT HERE, I WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.

HOW DO YOU DO?

I'M ELLIE.

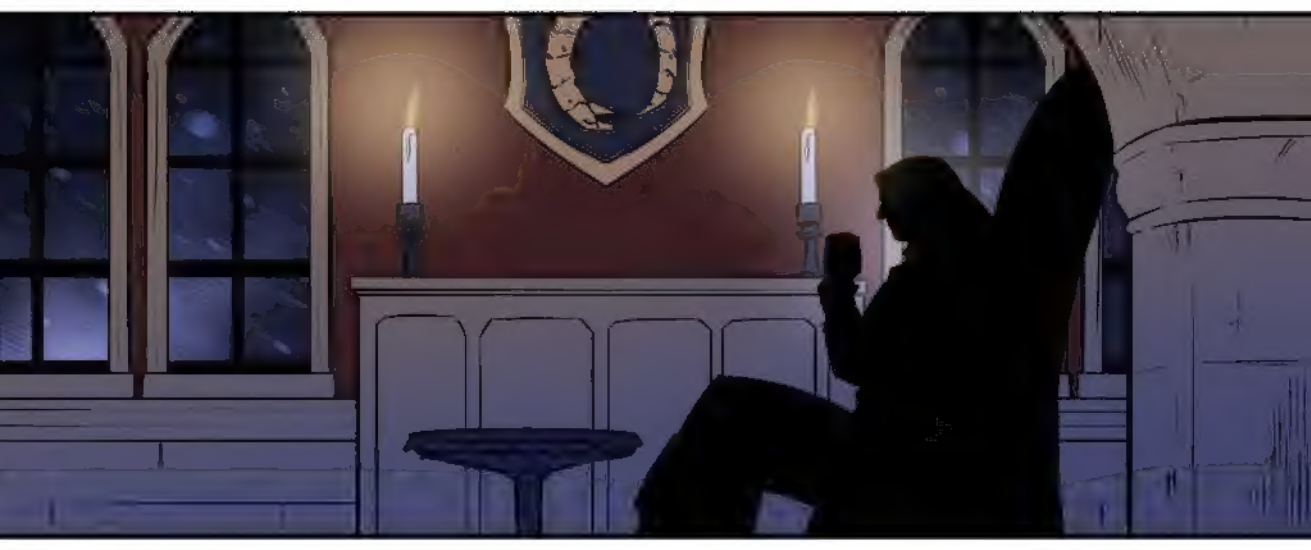
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

... ...

YEAH...

Hoooow...

THE NORTH.
BRUTAL BONES' CASTLE



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I'M BACK, MASTER.

YOU DID WELL, HUMPTY DUMPTY.

THE RUMORS SPREAD QUICKLY BY THEMSELVES AFTER A WHILE.

AFTER THE SERIES OF TERROR ATTACKS AND THE HEIR SHELL'S LACK OF TALENT... THE CENTRAL BANK HAS ALREADY LOST ALL CREDIBILITY.

YOU'LL BE TAKING OVER THE MIDLANDS SOON ENOUGH.

PAIN...

YOUR INSULTS...
AND THE WAY YOU TOOK AWAY
WHAT WAS MINE...
I'LL BE PAYING YOU BACK FOR THAT.

BOTH YOU,
AND YOUR SON
WILL FALL.

HUMPTY DUMPTY. YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHER HUMANS.

YOU'RE THE PERFECT ART MADE BY ME...

YOU'RE MINE. ALL OF YOU BELONGS TO ME.

...I KNOW.

I'M ALSO
A WAY FOR YOU TO COMPENSATE
FOR HOW MUCH WEAKER THAN
PAIN YOU ARE.

FATHER...EH.

I USED TO CONSIDER ELLIE A FRIEND AND A BROTHER. EVEN A FATHER.

YOU COULDN'T BE MINE, MY DEAR PRECIOUS...

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